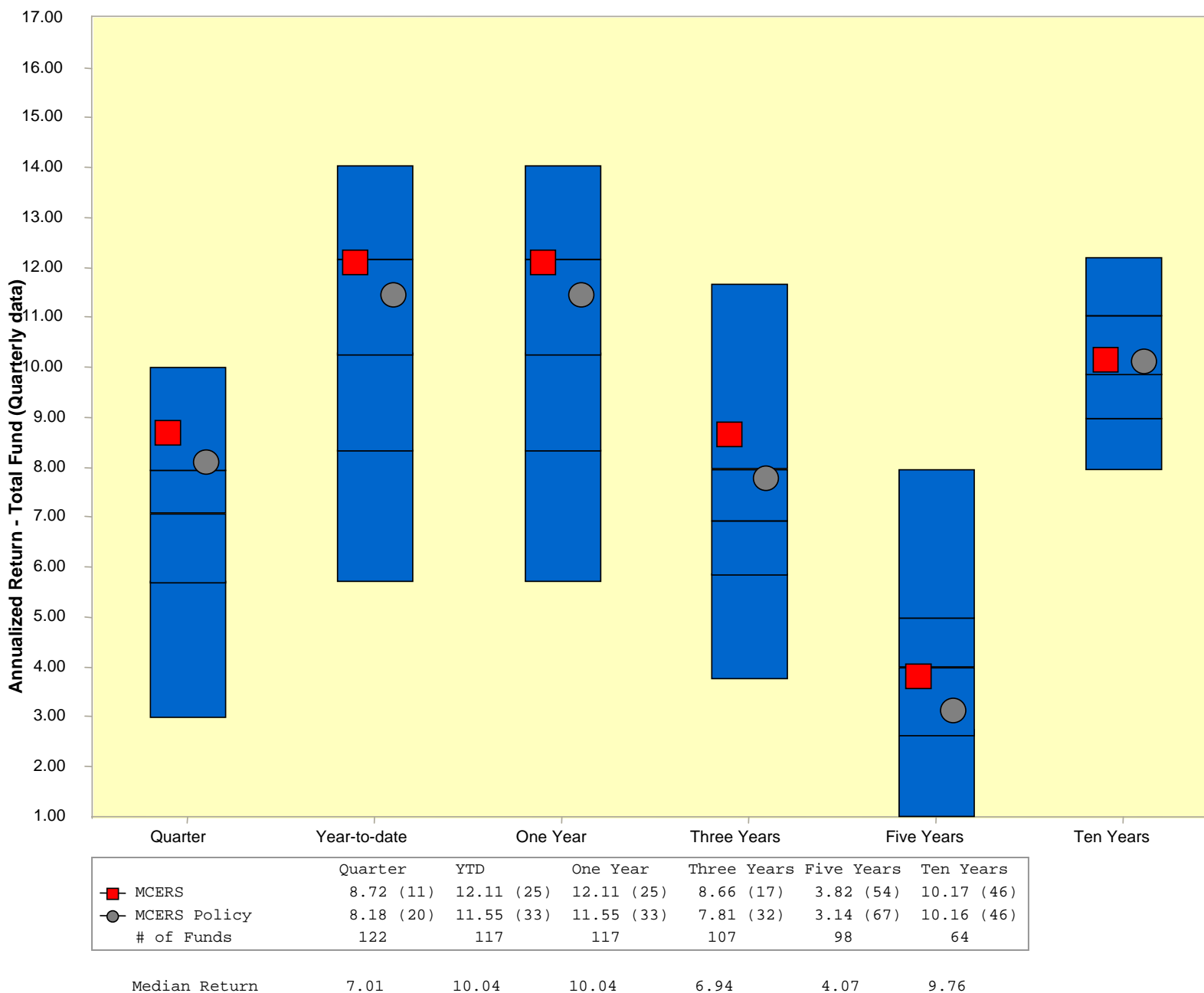


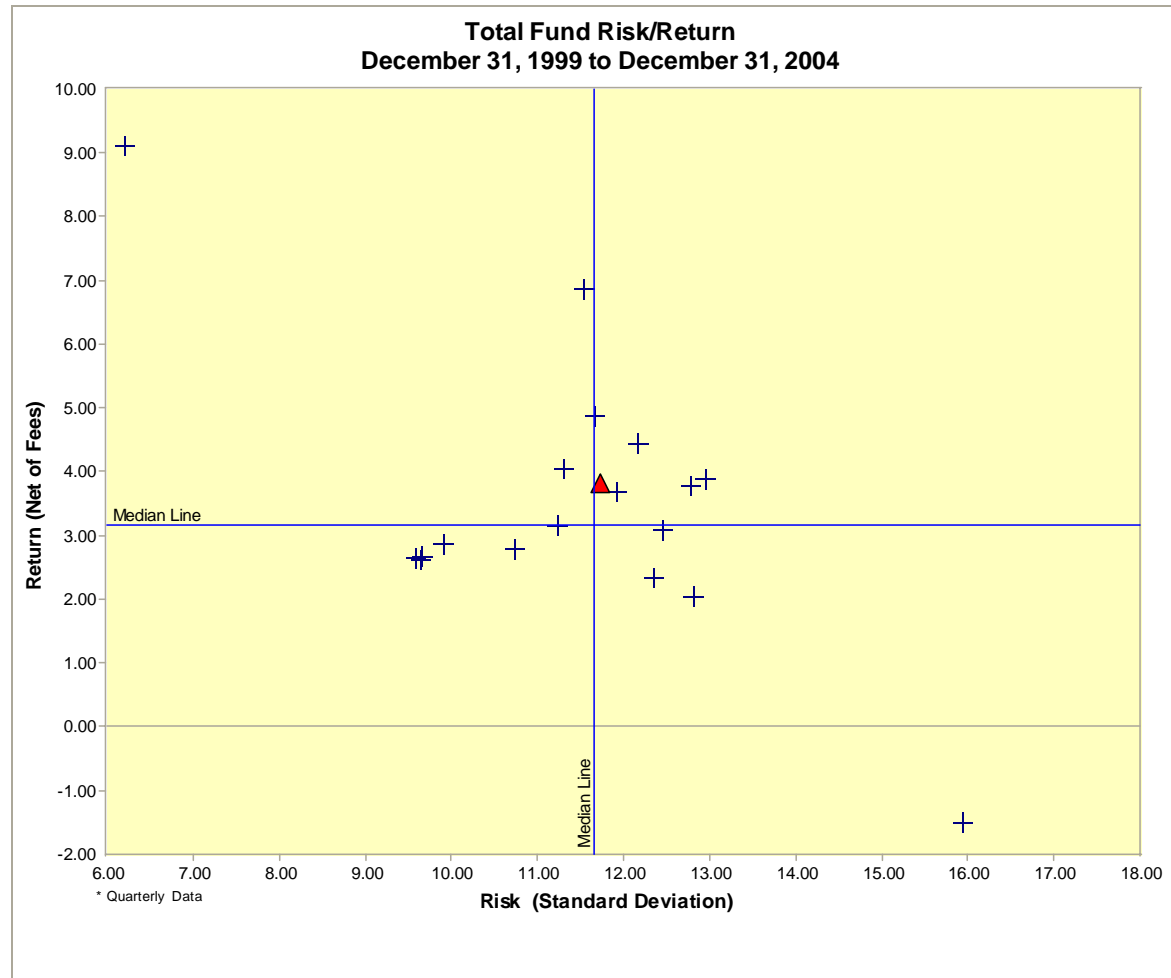
Montgomery County ERS vs. Wilshire Public Fund Universe Periods as of December 31, 2004



Quarterly, the Board compares the performance of the total portfolio to the performance of a group of like public pension funds constructed by Wilshire Associates, a national consulting firm. For the one year period ending December 31, 2004, the performance of the ERS ranks in the top 25% of the public fund universe with a return of 12.11%, outperforming the returns achieved by 75% of other public pension funds..

Montgomery County ERS vs. Wilshire Public Fund Universe*

Five Year Risk/Return Profile as of December 31, 2004



* Represents plan size greater than \$1 billion in assets

▲ Montgomery County ERS Return: 3.82% (33) Risk: 11.73% (56)

When evaluating the return of an investment, consideration must be given to the risk taken to obtain the return. At December 31, 2004 the ERS investment portfolio had a risk profile slightly greater than the profile of the median public fund (56th percentile) and a five year return on investments ranking at the 33rd percentile.